GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Water Resources Department – Vigilance and Enforcement Report – Allegations of irregularities in flood relief works taken up by KC Canal division, Nandyal of Water Resources Dept. during 10/2009 – Disciplinary proceedings against certain Engineers of Water Resources Department under Rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Appointment of the Chief Engineer(Projects), Kadapa as Inquiring Authority in place of Sri G. Chitti Babu, the then I/C Chief Engineer, TGP Srikalhasti now retired– Orders- Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (Vig.II-V&E.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 542 Dated: 22-09-2017

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.149, I&CAD(Ser.VII(V&E-1))Department, Dated:12.02.2013.
2. From the CE (P), Kurnool and Inquiring Authority, letter No.CE(P)/Kurnool/Inquiry/GO Rt.No.149, 157, Govt., dated 02.06.2016.

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In the reference 1st read above, Sri G. Chitti Babu, the then I/C Chief Engineer, TGP Srikalhasti now retired has been appointed as Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the following Six (06) charged officers on allegations of irregularities in flood relief works taken up by KC Canal division, Nandyal of Water Resources Department, during 10/2009.

1. Sri S. Sudhakar, EE,
2. Sri N. Ramachandra Reddy, Dy. EE(Retd.),
3. Sri R. Revindra, AEE,
4. Sri C. Sarabha Reddy, AEE
5. Sri B. Murali Krishna, Asst. Engineer,
6. Sri N. Ramachandra Reddy, SE(Retd.)

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Sri G. Chitti Babu, the then I/C Chief Engineer, TGP Srikalhasti now retired has furnished incomplete report and retired on 31.07.2016 on attaining the age of superannuation. After examining the Inquiring Report, the following are observed :-

(i) The Inquiry officer has submitted similar report which was submitted earlier, without Assessment & Analysis on the observations made earlier except on the charge concluding agreements for the works a) FDR to right side bank of KCC main canal from Km 152.700 to 152.950 (Santhajutur work) and (b) FDR to 112 L sluice channel (pathabankacherla) Vementa work in KCC Nandyal Sub-Division with defect liability period of 12 months instead of 24 months violating to G.O. Ms. No. 94, dt 01.07.2003" against Sri N. Ramachandra Reddy, Superintending Engineer.

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(ii) in respect of Sri N.Ramachandra Reddy, Superintending Engineer, the Inquiry Officer has concluded in 2 different ways in analysis & assessment and findings. In his analysis the enquiry officer concluded that the charges sustainable, but in the findings it is reported that the charge is not proved. The conclusion made in the analysis and in findings are contradictory to each other.

(iii) Regarding the charge, the Executive Engineer and Superintending Engineer have recommended for 7 FDR works in KC canal Sub-Division, Allagadda, among 43 FDR works, stating that all the works are taken up and completed, even though these 7 works are not executed, it has already pointed out that Sri S. Sudhakar, Executive Engineer vide Lr. No. 61^{se} dt. 23.01.2010 informed the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation circle, Kurnool on all the 43 FDR works in which 7 FDR works were yet to be started. The above correspondence was brought to the notice during the inquiry, but the same was not reported in earlier proceedings of the case i.e. during submission of explanation to Vigilance & Enforcement Department and during submission of Written statements of defence. The Superintending Engineer's office is silent on this aspect. The Inquiry Authority was silent on the report of the Executive Engineer and on the further correspondence.

The Inquiring Authority is silent on the following aspects also:-

a) Whether the savings from these works is savings to the Government exchequer or these funds are utilized to some other works.

b) As the works are emergent nature, if these 7 FDR works were not completed, was there any loss to the standing crops and whether water was supplied to the downstream of the canal without any hurdles.

(iv) For the charge, the charged officers have recommended for release of payment for substandard quality of steel bars having less weight used in the construction of retaining wall, which were liable for rejection, it has already pointed out that the findings made by the Inquiry Officer can be considered after taking opinion from the V&E department as the departmental officials have not collected and conducted the tests in presence of V & E officials.

(v) For the charge, the charged officers have committed irregularity by executing the works without concluding any agreement or issuing work order in violation of APPWD codal rules for FDR works, it has already pointed out that the charged officers have not mentioned about the work order either during enquiry of V&E officials or in their WSSDs. During inquiry only, the work orders concluded by the Section Officers were submitted which is contrary to the codal rules. But the Inquiry Officer has not discussed about the codal provisions.

(vi) For the charge, in execution of the works, (1) Re-sectioning and Rehabilitation of Chamakalva from Km 0.00 to 3.300 & 3.300 to 6.700 (Package I&II) and (2) Improvements to Existing tank bund of Nandyal Chinna Cheruvu (Package IV) works failed to insist the agency for establishing field laboratory as per agreement conditions, this office has already pointed out that the Inquiry Officer annexed photo copies of labs established for the work "Re-sectioning and Rehabilitation of Chamakalva from Km 0.00 to 3.300 & 3.300 to 6.700 (Package I&II)" and not for the other work "Improvements to Existing tank bund of Nandyal Chinna Cheruvu (Package IV)". But he has considered the test results provided for the work "Improvements to Existing tank bund of Nandyal Chinna Cheruvu (Package IV)" as a proof of establishing the lab which needs verification and report from the Inquiry officer.

(vii) For the charge, in execution of the works, (1) FDR to right side bank of KCC main canal from Km 152.700 to 152.950 (Santhajutur work) and (2) FDR to 112 L sluice channel (Pathabanakacherla) Vempenta work in KCC Nandyal Sub-Division" has committed irregularity by concluding agreements for the above works with defect liability period of 12 months instead of 24 months violating G. O. Ms. No. 94, dt 01.07.2003, it has already pointed out that as per para 25 of Annexure to G.O.Ms. No.94, I & CAD (PW) Dept. dated:01.07.2003 the defect liability period is 2 years for the original works and one year for maintenance works. Hence, the conclusion made by inquiry officer may not be acceptable.

3. Government after careful examination of the matter have decided and accordingly hereby change the Inquiry Authority and appointed Chief Engineer(Projects), Kadapa as Inquiring Authority in place of Sri G. Chitti Babu, the then I/C Chief Engineer, TGP Srikalhasti now retired to continue the inquiry proceedings and directed to submit his report within two months in the prescribed proforma, as per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.679, G.A. (Ser.C) Department, dated 01.11.2008 and Circular Memo No.56183/Ser.C/99, G.A. (Ser.C) Department, dated 15.10.1999 and avoid delay

in the matter duly keeping in view that the inquiry has already been delayed.

4. Consequently Sri G. Chitti Babu, the then I/C Chief Engineer, TGP Srikalhasti now retired, is hereby directed to hand over the entire records pertaining to the inquiry to the Chief Engineer(Projects), Kadapa so as to enable to continue the inquiry and submit the inquiry report.

5. The Presenting Officer is hereby directed to produce the original records relating to the entire case on behalf of the disciplinary authority before the Inquiring Authority.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Chief Engineer(Projects), Kadapa **through** the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada.

Sri G. Chitti Babu, the then I/C Chief Engineer, TGP Srikalhasti now retired **through** the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada.

The Superintending Engineer, SRBC Circle No.1, Nandyal and Presenting Officer **through** the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada.

The individuals **through** the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada.

Copy to:-

The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada for information, and with a request to submit the dated acknowledgements of the Charged Officers to Government without any delay.

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SECTION OFFICER